

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method for diagnosing an amyloid disease, or a susceptibility to an amyloid disease, in a patient, where the disease is related to the levels of a PTI-HS7 antigen in a sample from the patient. The method includes testing with a PTI-HS7 antibody for elevated levels of PTI-HS7 antigen in the patient, whereby any elevated levels of PTI-HS7 antigen are indicative of the presence, susceptibility to, or progression of, the amyloid disease in the patient.

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